



# Merrick County Board Minutes



## **February 10, 2015**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 9:10 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Kucera, Carlson, Weller, Kreachbaum, Helgoth, and Wiegert present. Also present was County Attorney Lynelle Homolka.

Moved Kucera, second Graves to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:10 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and on the Merrick County website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:10 a.m.

**Agenda:** Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Minutes:** Kucera said that Hahn's name needed to be removed as a supervisor. Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the January 27, 2015 minutes with the correction. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Meetings:** Carlson attended the SCEDD meeting at Hastings; Graves attended the hospital meeting on January 28, 2015; Helgoth attended the 4H Building meeting Thursday morning; Kucera attended the Extension Board meeting on Tuesday; Wiegert attended the 4H Building meeting on January 29, 2015 and on February 5, 2015 attended the Midland Area on Aging in Hastings.

**Official's reports:** Extension Educator Tammy Stuhr introduced Kara Wells as the new 4H aide. Stuhr gave a brief review of the dates of some of their education seminars and also reported that 30 out of 31 kids went to the Archery Shoot in Columbus. County Attorney Homolka told the Board that she had budgeted \$12,000.00 in her budget for coroner/autopsies and that she has had two already. The cost usually can run \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 each. She wanted to let the Board know this in case she goes over in her budget. She was able to get the state to pay part of one autopsy and the money went into the miscellaneous General Fund.

**Hospital update:** Julie Murray gave the Board a copy of the operation report that was submitted to their Board of Trustees. Murray also gave a review of what the hospital has been doing.

**Maintenance and the One and Six Plan:** Highway Superintendent Meyer handed out a report that listed the maintenance work that had been done in 2014 and went over the maintenance work planned for 2015. Meyer then went over the one year plan and the six year plan. At the next Board meeting there will be a hearing to approve the one and six year plans as discussed today.

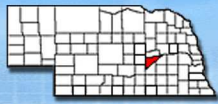
**Road petty cash:** Highway Superintendent Meyer said they have not used their petty cash much and would like to get rid of it. Moved Graves, second Kucera to approve of the Road Department closing out their petty cash fund. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**4H Building:** Extension Educator Tammy Stuhr handed out a copy of the drawing for the new 4H Building. Stuhr said the Fair Board decided they did want an office in the new building. If the County would be approved for the Peter Kiewit grant, they would not receive the \$750,000.00 until the building was completed. There was discussion about the County borrowing the \$750,000.00 until they got the grant. The first architect bill should come in the end of March and that money would have to come out of the Inheritance Fund because the Ag Society doesn't have the money for it and the County did not budget anything for this. Brad Wells said that they would have the bid on the water project on March 5, 2015 from the City. The Ag Society will pay for the water project because that is what they budgeted for in capital improvement. Stuhr said they would know on March 31, 2015 if the Peter Kiewit grant was approved or not. Stuhr will ask other counties that have built 4H buildings what they did for money besides a grant.

**Agreement & easements:** The agreement between the Merrick County Board of Supervisors, Ag Society, Inc. and the Merrick County Extension Board was presented and there were changes made to the original agreement and it needed to be sent to the bond legal counsel. The changes will be made and sent to the bond legal counsel and then taken to the Fair Board on February 19, 2015. It will be brought back to the County Board at their February 24, 2015 meeting for approval.

**Extension Board appointment:** Moved Kucera, second Carlson to appoint Asia Haack to the Extension Board to replace Kara Wells. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Emergency management:** Emergency Manager Thomas Smith gave the Board copies of the Mass Warning and Notification System Policy. This policy outlines how they are going to use the system. Smith would like to put something in the papers at the end of March about outdoor warnings. Smith would like to purchase a different vehicle from the state and he did budget money in his budget for this purpose. He would be getting it from the state, so he would



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not have to submit bids to the Boone, Nance, and Merrick County Boards. He budgeted \$7,000.00 in his Merrick County budget to go towards the purchase. The Board said if he had it budgeted they did not have a problem.

**Health Insurance:** After some discussion the Board voted on the percentage of health insurance premiums they would pay for employees and officials. Moved Graves, second Carlson that the County will pay 100% of the single premium and 80% of the employee/spouse, employee/child(ren), and family. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Wellness program:** Kucera gave a review of a wellness program that she and the Board received information on from Wellness Partners. The benefits of the program are offered at no out-of-pocket expense for either the employee or the County. Moved Kucera, second Weller to offer the wellness program to the employees on a date to be determined. Roll Call: All Ayes. Kucera said she would contact them to make the arrangements.

**RESOLUTION 2015-1:** RESOLUTION 2015-1 is for personal cell phone usage payments. Moved Kucera, second Graves to table this resolution until the next meeting when more numbers will be presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

**Maintenance position:** The Board reviewed the job description of the Maintenance and Mechanical Systems Supervisor position. The changes to be made upon Board approval is changing the position from full time to part time and removing the general cleaning and sanitizing of the courthouse. Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to approve and make the changes on the job description of the Maintenance and Mechanical Systems Supervisor position by making the position part time and removing the general cleaning and sanitizing of the courthouse. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Helgoth, second Carlson to advertise for a part time maintenance and mechanical systems supervisor. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Maintenance room:** Helgoth said that Brite Express said they would go into the maintenance room and clean it up. There are a lot of empty boxes and stuff that needs to be organized and cleaned up.

**Security report:** The County Clerk presented the security report to the County Board.

**Time clock:** The Sheriff's Office employees have converted to hourly and starting with the February payroll will be paid for actually hours worked. A time clock for the Sheriff's Office would feed directly into the payroll system located in the County Clerk's Office. The County Clerk is going to a meeting in Lincoln on February 27, 2015 because she is on the MIPS, Inc. committee and will be meeting with them. She will find out exactly how much the time clock will cost and any other fees associated with the system at that time. This is something that will be considered for all departments once the payroll conversion is complete. MIPS have been extremely busy setting up and installing time recording systems for several other counties. The Board will wait to discuss this any further until the Clerk attends the meeting and brings back more information and the Sheriff's Office is present.

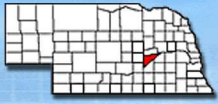
**County Board packets:** County Board packets for their meetings are currently mailed out on Fridays. Most of the Supervisors have not been receiving their packet until Monday and they would like to have them by Saturday. Moved Kucera, second Graves to have the County Clerk start mailing packets to the County Board members on Thursdays. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**January 2015 fees:** The January 2015 fees from the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and County Clerk were presented to the Board for approval. Moved Graves, second Kreachbaum to approve the January 2015 fees from the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**February 2015 claims:** The February 2015 claims were presented to the Board for approval:

## GENERAL

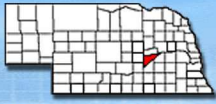
JOHNROSS ABOLD	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
ALAMAR UNIFORMS	UNIFORMS	\$	1,559.36
	TECHNOLOGY		
AS CENTRAL SERVICES OCIO	FEE	\$	644.40
EMELISE BAUGHMAN, LIMHP	PRISONER BOARD	\$	90.00
JULIE L BELLIS	COURT COSTS	\$	239.60
LISA BENNETT	RESEARCH	\$	100.00
BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	PRISONER BOARD	\$	1,775.23
BRANDENBURG LAWN CARE	SNOW REMOVAL	\$	175.00
BRITE EXPRESS	CLEANING SRVC	\$	4,096.65
KEVIN CAMPBELL	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
KENT CARLSON	MILEAGE	\$	163.40
CARTRIDGE WORLD	SUPPLIES	\$	67.99
CC AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	REGISTRATION	\$	70.00



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CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/SHERIFF ACT	CAR REPAIR	\$	101.12
CENTRAL CITY FAMILY DENTAL CENTER	PRISONER BOARD	\$	553.00
CENTRAL CITY MALL	JURY EXPENSE	\$	58.61
CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$	9.38
CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER BOARD	\$	73.50
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT	HEALTH DEPT	\$	2,307.19
CENTRAL NE COUNTY ASSESSOR	ANNUAL DUES	\$	20.00
CENTRAL NE COUNTY OFFICIALS	REGISTRATION	\$	240.00
CENTRAL NE CREMATION & MORTUARY	CORONER	\$	350.00
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$	103.50
TODD CHURCH	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$	3,888.62
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	JAIL UTILITIES	\$	65.56
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES-4H	\$	523.52
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$	10.42
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$	643.98
BEN CLOUSE	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	MEALS	\$	508.50
COPYCAT PRINTING/SIGNS	SUPPLIES	\$	158.91
CORNER DRUG	PRISONER BOARD	\$	79.10
CTR INVESTMENT AUTO SALES	VEHICLE	\$	3,525.00
CURRY & ASSOCIATES, P.C.	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	1,509.50
CVSOAN TREASURER	REGISTRATION	\$	275.00
REINY DICKHAUT	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
	INSURANCE		
DISCOVERY BENEFITS	DEDU	\$	85.00
DONNA'S PRAIRIE CAFE	JURY MEAL	\$	343.00
EAGLE COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$	302.58
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$	93.56
ECO WATER SYSTEMS	OFFICE WATER	\$	144.00
GREGG FERRIS	MILEAGE	\$	14.56
FLEET SERVICES/WEX BANK	FUEL	\$	2,742.55
BRIAN FRIEDRICHSSEN	MILEAGE	\$	70.56
THERESA GOOD	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	1.00
GRAFTON LAW OFFICE	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	2,425.00
LINDA GREGER	SOCIAL DIRECT	\$	135.00
DON HANNAPPEL	MILEAGE	\$	28.56
HAPP PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	661.27
LYNELLE HOMOLKA	MISC EXPENSES	\$	155.00
HOST COFFEE SERVICE	PRISONER BOARD	\$	30.00
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$	98.90
TROY INGRAM	MILEAGE	\$	176.53
IT INNOVATIONS	DATA PROCESS	\$	112.65
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$	184.00
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	24.00
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	812.05



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JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$ 222.10
JENSEN PUBLISHING	SUPPLIES	\$ 53.70
JENSEN PUBLISHING/P&Z	PUBLICATION	\$ 11.66
DISTRICT COURT JURY	JUROR	\$ 6,560.89
JENNIFER KEARNEY	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 1,135.25
JIM LAUDENKLOS	CELL PHONE	\$ 30.00
LAURITSEN,BROWNELL,BROSTROM,STEHLIK	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 638.75
LEXISNEXIS	LAW LIBRARY	\$ 265.00
LITZENBERG/HOSPITAL OPERATING	SUPPORT	\$ 8,333.33
LITZENBERG CO. HOSPITAL	D&A TESTING	\$ 26.65
LONE TREE MEDICAL ASSOCIATES, P.C.	PRISONER BOARD	\$ 376.00
MAILFINANCE	POSTAGE RENT	\$ 299.94
MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS	CONSULT SRVC	\$ 1,400.00
MCILNAY & CO	FURNACE REPAIR	\$ 370.00
MCKOWN FUNERAL HOME	COUNTY BURIAL	\$ 1,800.00
MERRICK CO. CLERK	RECORDING FEES	\$ 10.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$ 117.00
MERRICK CO. EXTENSION SERVICE	REGISTRATION	\$ 100.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	PROP TAX TRANS	\$ 83,390.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$ 1,100.03
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	IMAGIN	\$ 35.00
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$ 3,203.14
MIPS	SUPPLIES	\$ 122.86
JENNIFER MYERS	MILEAGE	\$ 228.85
HENNEPIN CO VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	REGISTER FEE	\$ 300.00
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	REGISTRATION	\$ 54.00
	MEMBERSHIP	
NE ASSOC OF CO CLERKS,ROD,ELECTION	DUE	\$ 50.00
KNOX COUNTY TREASURER	DUES	\$ 75.00
NE ASSOC OF ENGINEERS,HWY SUPT/SURV	2015 DUES	\$ 200.00
NE CLERKS OF DISTRICT COURT ASSOC	REGISTRATION	\$ 75.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$ 279.00
NE INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES	CORONER	\$ 1,800.00
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	D&A TESTING	\$ 210.00
NEBRASKA HEATING & AIR, INC	REPAIR	\$ 107.48
NEBRASKA.GOV	COURT EXPENSE	\$ 4.00
NIRMA	INSURANCE DED	\$ 5,000.00
NORM'S U SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER BOARD	\$ 424.53
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 120.96
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 59.03
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 73.06
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 73.05
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 77.68
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 63.64
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 49.97
NT&T	COURTHOUSE	\$ 48.71





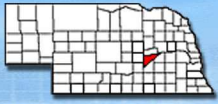
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	FAX	
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 46.10
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 63.84
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 72.58
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$ 21.49
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$ 268.72
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$ 240.45
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$ 103.11
OFFICENET	EQUIP RENTAL	\$ 345.77
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$ 141.08
OFFICENET,INC.	SUPPLIES	\$ 266.67
RICHARD OGDEN	MILEAGE	\$ 47.04
PHELPS COUNTY SHERIFF	PRISONER BOARD	\$ 765.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMM.	RADIO REPAIR	\$ 2,835.00
PUBLIC AGENCY TRAINING COUNCIL	L.E. TRAINING	\$ 1,050.00
BETH PULLEN	SUPPLIES	\$ 824.82
PAT ROBINSON	MILEAGE	\$ 77.28
SCEDD	SCEDD	\$ 2,000.00
SEILER INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURING,INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$ 250.00
SOLT FUNERAL HOME	CORONER	\$ 90.00
STANARD APPRAISAL SERVICE, INC.	REAPPRAISAL	\$ 5,642.00
CHRIS STAROSTKA	MILEAGE	\$ 71.68
TAMMY STUHR	MISC EXPENSES	\$ 693.77
DAVID SULLIVAN	COURT COSTS	\$ 44.15
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	L.E. TRAINING	\$ 811.60
THE THOMPSON CO	SUPPLIES/BOARD	\$ 2,372.74
U.S. BANK	SUPPLIES	\$ 99.42
UNL ITS COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 100.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$ 71.29
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$ 26.14
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$ 487.47
TOM WELLER	MILEAGE	\$ 120.75
KARA WELLS	MISC EXPENSES	\$ 78.29
JOHN WESTMAN	CELL PHONE	\$ 30.00
KELLY WICHMANN	MILEAGE	\$ 35.84
LYNN WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$ 73.92
ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$ 41.40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 172,060.98</b>

## ROADS

AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$ 1,653.00
BOMGAARS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$ 325.37
BOSSELMAN INC/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 3,404.70
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$ 648.02
CENTRAL NE COUNTY OFFICIALS	REGISTRATION	\$ 30.00
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 79.98



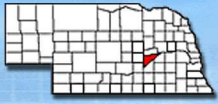
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JAMES CEPLECHA	MILEAGE	\$ 22.43
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC/ROADS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$ 8.58
FASTENAL CO	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 16.56
GREEN LINE EQUIPMENT OF CC/ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 1,727.96
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 15.88
JIM HAAG	MILEAGE	\$ 131.68
HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK INC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 434.47
HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 467.67
CHRIS HUSTON	MILEAGE	\$ 11.50
INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 38.76
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 97.28
JACKSON LINEN SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 55.80
JENSEN PUBLISHING/ROADS	PUBLICATION	\$ 236.60
LITZENBERG HOSPITAL/ROADS	D&A TESTING	\$ 26.65
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D&A TESTING	\$ 31.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$ 17.28
MICHAEL MEYER	MILEAGE	\$ 552.00
MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 75.40
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	LUMBER	\$ 5,323.20
NANCE CO HIGHWAY DEPT	SURFACING	\$ 80,477.46
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	GRADER BLADES	\$ 1,235.32
LEE NEEL	UTILITY AGREE	\$ 50.00
NT&T/SHOP	TELEPHONE	\$ 50.44
NT&T/ROADS	TELEPHONE	\$ 63.61
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 39.06
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$ 327.34
JOHN E PROSOSKI	LAND RENTAL	\$ 120.00
RADIANT HEATING SYSTEMS INC	BLDG REPAIR	\$ 74.00
SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$ 888.56
SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$ 1,710.92
SCOTT-VAN KEPPEL-BR	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 62.87
SOURCEGAS,LLC	HEATING	\$ 379.79
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$ 1,044.43
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$ 99.13
VILLAGE OF CHAPMAN	ELECTRICITY	\$ 41.95
WELDON PARTS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$ 341.75
XEROX CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$ 74.68
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 102,513.08</b>

## JUVENILE DIVERSION

JULIE BEYER	MISC EXPENSES	\$ 161.68
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$ 5.44
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 64.69
QUILL	SUPPLIES	\$ 261.51
TECHSOUP GLOBAL	SUPPLIES	\$ 67.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 560.32</b>



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## STOP FUND

CODY'S COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICE	VIDEO EQUIP	\$	679.59
WAHLTEK	VIDEO EQUIP	\$	5,681.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>6,360.59</b>

## DARE FUND

CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING,INC-DARE	SUPPLIES	\$	354.95
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>354.95</b>

## INHERITANCE FUND

CENTRAL PLATTE RESOURCE	MOORES CREEK	\$	4,233.47
EAGLE COMMUNICATIONS	INTERNET/MISC	\$	195.95
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>4,429.42</b>

## SINKING FUND

CTR INVESTMENT AUTO SALES	SHERIFF	\$	8,075.00
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>8,105.00</b>

## E911

CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE	\$	249.44
CENTURYLINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	413.91
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	56.70
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$	116.55
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>836.60</b>

Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to pay the February 2015 claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Adjourn:** Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to 1:35 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk